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SUBJ: PAKISTAN NUCLEAR FACILITIES

- 1. PM DIRECTOR VEST CALLED IN CANADIAN EMBASSY MINISTER TURNER (MARCH 11) TO INFORM GOC OF US APPROACHES (REF A AND B) TO FRG AND FRENCH EXPRESSING US CONCERN OVER SALE OF SENSITIVE FACILITIES TO PAKISTAN AND REQUESTING THAT FRG AND FRANCE RECONSIDER THESE SALES. VEST ALSO INFORMED TURNER THAT A FURTHER APPROACH TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION.
- 2. VEST THEN INDICATED THAT US WOULD WELCOME ANY SUPPORTING ACTIONS CANADIANS COULD GIVE TO THIS NEW DEMARCHE. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF RESUMPTION OF SECRET

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CANADIAN-PAKISTANI TALKS ON BILATERAL AGREEMENT COULD

BE DEFERRED AT LEAST BRIEFLY WHILE OUR APPROACHES ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

- 3. TURNER SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO SUPPORTING ACTIONS, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION WITH BHUTTO WHEN HE WAS IN CANADA, EXTAFF ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY HAD RECENTLY TALKED TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR, EXPRESSING CANADIAN OBJECTION TO REPROCESSING SALE. IN ADDITION, OTTAWA HAD INSTRUCTED CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN BONN TO BRIEFLY REVIEW WITH FRG STATUS OF CANADIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAKISTAN AND INDIA. HE WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO URGE BONN TO RECONSIDER OR AT LEAST DELAY BORSIG COMPRESSOR SALE TO INDIA AND TO RAISE CANADIAN CONCERNS OVER FRG HEAVY WATER PLANT FOR PAKISTAN.
- 4. WITH REGARD TO DELAYING CANADIAN-PAKISTANI NEGOTIATION, TURNER SAID THAT NEXT STEP WAS UP TO PAKISTAN IN
 TERMS OF PRESENTING COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO GOC. IT WOULD
 THEN HAVE TO GO TO MINISTERS FOR REVIEW AND DECISION,
 ALL OF WHICH WOULD BE VERY TIME CONSUMING. TURNER
 STRESSED THAT BOTH THE PAKISTANI AND INDIAN AGREEMENTS
 WERE FAR FROM SIGNATURE AND THAT IN FACT THERE WAS STILL
 MUCH DEBATE WITHIN GOC WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED AT ALL
 ON FURTHER NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA AND WITH
 PAKISTAN. KISSINGER

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